

**DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF  
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF** to be administered in **LAKE CHARLES** on **MAY 24, 2010**, will consist of approximately **110** multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

<b>SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM</b>
<b>FIRE SERVICE MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the principles of effective fire service management involving management theory; planning, organizing, directing, inspecting, evaluating departmental operations; and managing equipment, property, and supplies.	26.4%
<b>RECORDS AND REPORTS</b>  Knowledge of effective records-keeping practices, including preparation, content; and knowledge of effective report preparation procedures, including the compilation and organization of data into an effective written format for reports.	7.3%
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>  Knowledge of effective public relations practices which foster a positive public image of the department through contact with the media, other agencies, and the public.	7.3%
<b>SUPERVISION</b>  Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates; to resolve conflicts; and to maintain discipline.	21.8%
<b>FIREGROUND COMMAND</b>  Knowledge of fireground command procedures sufficient to direct emergency scene operations and to supervise subordinate employees at the scene of an emergency in the following areas; performing size-up; directing rescue, forcible entry, ventilation, protection of exposures, fire extinguishment, use of sprinkler and standpipe systems, use of water supplies, salvage, overhaul, first aid, CPR, and emergency medical services; overseeing safety procedures; handling hazardous materials; and maintaining fire ground communications.	30.0%

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<b>FIRE INVESTIGATION</b>  Knowledge of fire investigation procedures sufficient to perform the duties related to fire investigation, including fire cause determination, evidence collection, and court testimony.	7.3%

### REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

#### PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

**EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, 4th ed., 2005.

**NOTE: Obtain through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.**

#### INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFSTA)/ FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATIONS (Training Manuals):

Essentials of Firefighting, 4th ed., 1998.

Fireground Support Operations, 1st ed., 2002.

#### NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS:

**FIRE COMMAND**, Brunacini, Alan V., NFPA, 2nd ed., 2002.

**FIRE PROTECTION HANDBOOK**, NFPA, 19th ed., 2003.

**MANAGEMENT IN THE FIRE SERVICE**, Carter, Harry R., and Rausch, Erwin, NFPA, Quincy Mass., 4th ed., 2008.

#### OTHER RECOMMENDED PUBLICATIONS:

**ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

**KIRK'S FIRE INVESTIGATION**, Brady, A Prentice-Hall Division, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 07632, 5th ed., 2002.

**MANAGING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1140 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 1st ed., 2002.

**NOTE: Available through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.**

**NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM**, (NFIRS), Office of State Fire Marshal/LA Department of Public Safety, January 1992. Published by: LA Division of Administration, Administrative Services, P.O. Box 44095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804.

**NOTE: Available through Office of State Fire Marshal, 5150 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.**

**EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS**, Cutlip, Scott M./Center, Allen M./Broom, Glen M., Prentice-Hall, Inc., A Simon & Schuster Company, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, 8th ed., 2000.

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